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POWER SUPPLY BY NTPC TO MAHARASHTRA
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maharashtra State Electricity Board (MSEB) has failed to make timely payment to NTPC;

(b) if so, whether NTPC may curtail power supply to Maharashtra; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER(SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : Maharashtra State Electricity Board (MSEB) has made payment of 97.1% of current bills in the financial year 2001-2002 and 95.3% in the financial year 2002-2003 (till January, 2003). For the outstanding dues accumulated upto 30.9.2001, Government of Maharashtra had given consent for issuance of tax free bonds for Rs.381.40 crores for liquidation of arrears in line with scheme of one time settlement of SEB dues. The Government of Maharashtra has not yet signed the Tripartite Agreement and the bonds are yet to be issued.

(b) : There is no proposal at present to curtail power supply from National Thermal Power Corporation to Maharashtra.

(c) : Does not arise in view of (b) above.